

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18886

This legislation amends Idaho Code ? 42-1737 to require Idaho Water Resource Board approval of any managed recharge project in excess of ten thousand (10,000) acre-feet on an average annual basis. This legislation acknowledges that managed recharge may have effects on surface flows similar to those of a storage reservoir. Thus, this bill proposes that private managed recharge projects be approved under the procedures applicable to surface storage reservoirs. The bill provides a public process for evaluating and balancing the effects of managed recharge projects in accordance with state law and the state water plan. This bill does not apply to incidental recharge.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation imposes no fiscal burden on the general fund.

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